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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH BRUNET AND DE MOREL FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE XXIV:6 PROBLEM SINCE THEY HAVE BOTH BEEN TIED UP ALL DAY AT OECD XCSS MEETING. HOWEVER, ECON/COM MIN HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PROBLEM AT LUNCH WITH DE NANTEUIL, BRUNET'S DEPUTY FOR MULTI-LATERAL AFFAIRS. WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM BRIEFLY WITH DE PANAFIEU, HEAD OF EC AFFAIRS IN DREE.

2. IN THESE CONVERSATIONS WE DREW ON REF B TO STRESS THAT OUR ABILITY TO DO SOMETHING ON FRENCH COGNAC DEPENDED ON KIND OF HELP WE GOT FROM THE FRENCH ON ARTICLE XXIV:6. WE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF COMMISSION'S SUBMITTING SATISFACTORY PROPOSAL TO PERMREPS APRIL 25 AND URGED THAT GOF USE ITS INFLUENCE TOWARD ASSUMING ADOPTION BY PERMREPS OF SUCH A PROPOSAL.

3. BOTH NANTEUIL AND PANAFIEU GRASPED THE POINT WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. (PANAFIEU HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED BY FRENCH EMBASSY OF CONVERSATION WITH MALMGREN.) ALTHOUGH THEY OBVIOUSLY NOT IN POSITION TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENT, CONFIDENTIAL

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THEY WILL SEE TO IT THAT BRUNET AND DE MOREL ARE

INFORMED OF THE FOREGOING AND THERE IS SOME REASON TO
HOPE THAT FRENCH PERMREP WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO BE HELPFUL
AT APRIL 25 MEETING. WHAT THIS MEANS IN PRACTICAL
TERMS IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY, ALTHOUGH NANTEUIL HINTED
THAT IT SHOULD AT LEAST BE POSSIBLE FOR FRENCH TO
ACCEPT COMMISSION'S NEW RECOMMENDATIONS.
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